

The Monroe Doctrine: Isolationism and Hemispheric Dominance

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Supplement: The Monroe Doctrine

Handout: Roosevelt Corollary, JFK on Cuban Missile Crisis

In what sense is the Monroe Doctrine an expression of self-interest/altruism? In what sense is the Monroe Doctrine an extension of ideals long held by Americans? In what sense is it a departure from those ideals?

Identifications:

James Monroe, Monroe Doctrine, Western Hemisphere, Latin America, sphere of influence

Homework Questions:

1. What relationship did the Monroe Doctrine seek to establish between the United States and Europe?

2. What relationship did the Monroe Doctrine seek to establish between the U.S. and Latin America? Why was the U.S. so interested in protecting the independence of newly-independent Latin American nations?

3. How does Monroe defend these policies in the Monroe Doctrine? What other American interests may have prompted such policies?